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COURT DECISION RELATING TO QUARANTINE.

The Supreme Court of California has decided ¹ that by virtue of statutory authority "the State board of health has power to order the quarantine of persons who have come in contact with cases and carriers of contagious diseases," and that the unauthorized removal of a quarantine placard affixed to premises by order of the State board of health is "a misdemeanor under the Public Health Act."

TYPHOID FEVER IN THE UNITED STATES.

CASE RATES, JANUARY TO NOVEMBER, 1921 AND 1920, AND MEDIANS FOR THE YEARS 1913 TO 1920.

The accompanying table shows the number of reported cases of typhoid fever per 1,000 population by quarters, from January to June, and by months, from July to November, 1921, compared with the same periods during 1920, and the medians for 1913 to 1920, inclusive.

The median was ascertained by arraying the figures so that the greatest number was first, the next smaller number was second, and so on to the smallest number, which was placed last. The middle number of the array was then selected as the median. Data were not available for all the States for the full eight years. As many years as possible were included for each State, but no year earlier than 1913 was used. The first column shows the number of years for which figures were obtained for each State.

The estimated populations on which the rates were computed are as follows:

	Number of States.	Estimated population.
1921.....	40	88,475,824
1920.....	39	85,189,366
Median, 1913-1920.....	38	83,144,829

For comparison the death rates per 100,000 population in the registration area for deaths are shown in the following table:

Typhoid fever death rates per 100,000 population in registration area for deaths, 1913-1920, inclusive.

1920.....	7.8	1915.....	12.4
1919.....	9.2	1914.....	15.5
1918.....	12.6	1913.....	17.9
1917.....	13.5		
1916.....	13.3	Median.....	12.9

¹ *Ex parte* Culver, 202 Pac. 661.